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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6881**

**BILL NUMBER:** HB 1324

**NOTE PREPARED:** May 2, 2007

**BILL AMENDED:** Apr 26, 2007

**SUBJECT:** Valuable Metal Dealers.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Rep. Crooks

**FIRST SPONSOR:** Sen. Hershman

**BILL STATUS:** Enrolled

**FUNDS AFFECTED:** X GENERAL  
DEDICATED  
FEDERAL

**IMPACT:** State & Local

**Summary of Legislation:** *Definition of Valuable Metal-* The bill adds copper, copper alloy, brass, aluminum, or aluminum alloy that is readily used or useable on residential or commercial property to the definition of "valuable metal." The bill requires valuable metal dealers to make and retain copies of government issued photographic identification used to verify the identity of persons from whom the dealers purchase valuable metal.

*Acceptance of Beer Kegs-* The bill provides that a valuable metal dealer may not accept a damaged or an undamaged metal beer keg if: (1) the keg is clearly marked as the property of a brewery manufacturer; or (2) the keg's identification markings have been made illegible.

*State Police-* The bill requires the Superintendent of the State Police Department (ISP) to prepare and distribute a list to each valuable metal dealer describing the valuable metal products of interest for use on residential or commercial property.

*Notification Requirements-* The bill removes certain notification requirements for valuable metal dealers.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2007.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** *State Police-* The ISP would have to put together a list for valuable metal dealers for valuable metal products used on residential or commercial property. The ISP would be able to compile the list within their existing level of resources.

*Background-* The Indiana State Police reverted \$2.5 M to the state General Fund for the fiscal year ending

June 30, 2006.

**Explanation of State Revenues:** *Acceptance of Beer Kegs-* A person that violates a provision of the valuable metal dealers law commits a Class A infraction.

*Penalty Provision:* The maximum judgment for a Class A infraction is \$10,000, which would be deposited in the state General Fund. However, any additional revenue is likely to be small.

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

**Explanation of Local Revenues:** *Penalty Provision:* If additional court actions are filed and a judgment is entered, local governments would receive revenue from court fees. However, any additional revenue is likely to be small.

**State Agencies Affected:**

**Local Agencies Affected:** Trial courts, local law enforcement agencies.

**Information Sources:** State Budget Agency closeout documents FY 2007.

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